

LGBTQI+ PRIDE MONTH

RESOURCE TOOLKIT FOR AMERICAN SPACES

This Resource Toolkit contains lesson plans, videos, photos, movies, articles, and documentaries to be used at American Spaces to highlight LGBTQI+ Pride Month and the history of the gay rights movement.



LESSON PLANS

PBS LearningMedia has a collection of resources for educators to use when discussing LGBTQI+ identity. The toolkit includes helpful definitions, early education ideas, PowerPoints, videos, and remote learning webinars.

Photo Archives

- **Pride Month**

ShareAmerica Articles

WHAT IS LGBTQI+ PRIDE MONTH?

*"All human beings should be treated with respect and dignity and should be able to live without fear no matter who they are or whom they love." - **President Biden***

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the modern Gay Liberation Movement in the United States paving the way for future activism and legislation.

Celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, and concerts. LGBTQI+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.*

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MORE RESOURCES

Presidential Memo

- [Advancing LGBTQI+ Rights Internationally](#)

Movies Under MPLC Licensing Agreement

United Nations

- Short Video (2 min 23 seconds) [Free and Equal: Why We Fight](#)

Smithsonian

- [Pride Collection of LGBTQI+ articles](#)
- [Pride Photo Collection](#)
- ["Illegal to Be You: Gay History Beyond Stonewall" Interactive Online Exhibit](#)

Library of Congress [LGBTQI+ Pride Month](#)

This collection has a general overview of gay pride history, [audio and visual content](#), and [further resources](#).

eShop Collection

(eShop includes a selection of products, including books, games, posters, kits, etc., on specific topics that may be used for programs to engage target audiences.)



MOVIES

Freeheld:* 1 hour 43 minutes – A New Jersey police lieutenant, Laurel Hester, and her same-sex partner are forced to wage a legal battle to secure Laurel Hester's pension benefits for her partner after she is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Philadelphia:* 2 hours 4 minutes – After a man with HIV is fired by his law firm because of his condition, he hires an initially homophobic lawyer to fight his wrongful dismissal suit.

The Last One: Unfolding the AIDS Memorial Quilt: 1 hour 12 minutes, available on Kanopy – An updated history of the AIDS epidemic in America through the story of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The film traces how what at first was labeled a "gay disease" now disproportionately impacts the African American community, including women and youth.

Coming Out: A 50 Year History of Public Gay Identity: 57 minutes, available on Kanopy – A compilation of interviews with men and women who discuss the challenges they face in both confronting and revealing their sexual identity.

OTHER KANOPY FILMS

American Spaces have the right to screen Kanopy films at their Space or on closed online platforms. They're available through [e-Library USA](#).

Stonewall Uprising (Part of the PBS Series: American Experience, 2005) 83 minutes

The Times of Harvey Milk (1984) 89 minutes – One of the first openly gay U.S. officials elected to public office.

Growing Up Trans (PBS Frontline, 2015) 84 minutes - Tells the story of 8 transgender kids.

Kuma Hina (2014) 77 minutes - A transgender Hawaiian teacher inspires a female student to participate in an all male-hula troupe.